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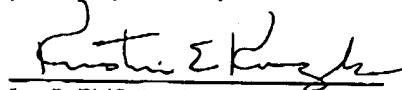
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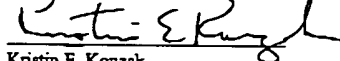
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the February 29, 2000, Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-27 and 31, drawn to a method for identifying a cellular component to which a small molecule is capable of binding and a kit for detecting interactions between pharmacologically relevant small molecules, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any questions or issues arise concerning the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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